

Early Learning Plan Community Outreach Meeting Summary

Tacoma

Note: This is intended as a high-level “snapshot” of the conversation from the meeting. More detailed information was captured at the meeting and will be incorporated into the planning process.

Thursday, October 29

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Tacoma Community College
Early Learning Center Classroom, Bldg 2-114
6501 S. 19th Street, Tacoma
Hosted by the League of Education Voters
Attending: State Superintendent of Public Schools Randy Dorn
Molly Boyajian, Thrive by Five Washington
Kelli Bohanon, Department of Early Learning

- Subsidy rates – state needs to pay providers their full rate
- Need to define key terms
- Need to really focus on parent support birth-age 3
- Schools need to be ready for all types of kids
- If we go to universal preschool, how will implement this – curriculum, delivery system, etc.?
- How will we pay for everything?
- How does this get prioritized?
- The devil is in the details – how will implement all of this?
- What are we doing to support providers?
- Need stronger, more explicit strategies and outcomes addressing the achievement gap and cultural diversity.